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In re the Application of:

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Portal, Collaborative Applications, and
a Directory Service

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AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings being on page 5 of the paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** of an Annotated Sheet and a Replacement Sheet begins after page 7 of this paper.